

TRIBUTE TO KIMBERLY HIGH
SCHOOL

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. PETRI. Madam Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Kimberly High School, located in Wisconsin's Sixth Congressional District, for accomplishing a feat unprecedented in the history of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA).

The Kimberly High School Papermakers were victorious in the WIAA Division 1 championship in both girls' softball and boys' baseball, marking the first time in Wisconsin history that this title has been won in the same year by two sports teams from one high school. For these high school students to have achieved this is nothing short of remarkable.

During the season, the softball team celebrated a 23-4 record, capturing the state title and earning the Fox Valley Association Conference title. Equally as impressive, the baseball team posted a 20-6 record, winning the WIAA Division 1 Boys' Baseball State Tournament.

The hard work, dedication and teamwork of these young men and women is commendable and enabled them to become the best softball and baseball teams in the State of Wisconsin this year. These students are a source of pride and inspiration for the Village of Kimberly and the entire Kimberly Area School District.

Madam Speaker, it is because of this unique accomplishment that I extend congratulations and celebrate the championship wins of the Kimberly Papermakers.

TRIBUTE TO MR. RICHARD J. (JIM)
BAILEY

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Richard J. (Jim) Bailey, who will retire from the Defense Logistics Agency's (DLA), Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR), Richmond, VA, on July 31, 2007. Mr. Bailey's distinguished government career spans 32 years, and his record of achievement during this period reflects greatly upon himself and upon the organizations with which he has served. His contributions to national defense will be missed as he moves on to new and exciting opportunities.

Mr. Bailey was appointed to the Senior Executive Service position of Deputy Commander, DSCR in July 2000. The DSCR is DLA's Managing Center for the Aviation Supply and Demand Chain that manages more than 25 percent of DLA's 4 million consumable items. He provided leadership to more than 2,900 civilian and military personnel, located at 11 different locations, performing logistics support management for over 1.25 million national stock numbers. The customer base for the Aviation Supply and Demand Chain reaches worldwide with over 24,000 customers throughout the Department of Defense (DOD), other government agencies, and foreign militaries.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, Mr. Bailey has followed a diverse career path of increasing responsibility culminating in his appointment as Deputy Commander. In 1975, he entered the Federal service as an inventory management specialist trainee at the Defense Industrial Supply Center in Philadelphia, PA, where his assignments included inventory management specialist, supply systems analyst, and senior supply systems analyst. In 1986, Mr. Bailey moved to the Defense Supply Center Richmond to serve as the Chief of the Requirements Systems Management Branch of the Supply Operations Directorate. He subsequently held positions as Chief of the Distribution Systems Management Branch, the Logistics Programs Division Chief, and Deputy Director.

In 1995, Mr. Bailey became the Director of the Business Management Directorate, where he served for 2 years. He moved to become the Director of Planning and Resource Management in 1997. Mr. Bailey was selected as Deputy Executive Director for Procurement in 1998 and then Deputy Director of Business Operations. He also served as the Deputy Administrator of the Information Processing Center, Richmond, before this mission was transferred to the Defense Information Systems Agency.

In 1999, Mr. Bailey was appointed as DSCR's Business Supply Manager and served as DSCR's representative on the core integrated processing team for Business Systems Modernization. In this capacity, he played an important role in developing a recommendation for using Commercial-Off-The-Shelf software for an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to replace the Standard Automated Material Management System. Today, DLA is the only agency in the entire Department of Defense that has a successful ERP implementation, and Mr. Bailey played a critical role throughout the entire process.

Mr. Bailey attended St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, graduating in 1973 with a bachelor of science in Marketing-Management. He earned a master of business administration from La Salle University in 1988. He attended the Office of Personnel Management Federal Executive Institute in 1995 and the Senior APEX Orientation Program in 2002. He is the recipient of numerous special achievement and performance awards.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Jim Bailey on his retirement from Federal civil service. He is a remarkable public servant who has served our Nation, the Department of Defense, and the Defense Logistics Agency and continually epitomized the dedication and professionalism that make our Federal Government a model all over the world.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL
SCHUYLER BISSELL

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of MG Schuyler Bissell, USAF (Ret.), who passed away on June 13, 2007 at the age of 76. Major General Bissell lived his life with honor. He exemplified

dedication, and he committed himself to serving others. This is the inheritance he leaves his family and all those who knew him.

A fellow native of my hometown of Laurel, MS, General Bissell began his service in the Air Force in 1952. He would eventually complete 119 combat missions over North Vietnam at the controls of his F-4C Phantom. For his heroism he received three Distinguished Flying Crosses and was awarded the Air Medal a remarkable 10 times. A Command Pilot, he would eventually accumulate over 5,500 flying hours.

After several commands in the fighter community, General Bissell transitioned into the field of military intelligence. He would go on to serve as the U.S. Defense Attaché in Israel, as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff of the Air Force for Intelligence, and would conclude his career as the Deputy Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

General Bissell and his wife Polly settled in the Nashville area in 1992 as he began a second career in service to our community. At St. George's Episcopal Church, he served as a lay Eucharist Minister, as an usher and greeter, as Chairman of the Parish Life Committee, and as a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. General Bissell would found a group called Champions in Christ at St. George's in 1999. His leadership led to the exponential growth of this program. Most recently, he felt God's call to begin working on a Pastoral Healing Ministry.

General Bissell was dedicated to his country and community, but above all to his family. In addition to Polly, he leaves behind two daughters and six grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of MG Schuyler Bissell.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RANDY NEUGEBAUER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, on Monday, June 25, I was absent from rollcall votes 549 and 550 due to a weather-related flight delay.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 549 in favor of H. Res. 189, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" should be established.

On rollcall 550 on passage of H.R. 2546, designating the Charles George Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, I would have voted "yea."

IN HONOR OF LOU FALCONI

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Lou Falconi. Lou was born and raised in Farrell, Pennsylvania, a small steel town located in my district. After Lou attended college and served a tour of duty in Vietnam, he returned home to Farrell and began what